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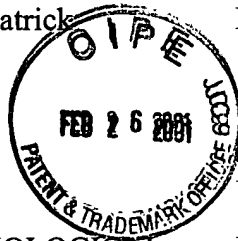
**For:** PRODUCTION OF A BIOLOGICAL  
FACTOR AND CREATION OF AN  
IMMUNOLOGICALLY PRIVILEGED  
ENVIRONMENT USING GENETICALLY  
ALTERED SERTOLI CELLS

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2001, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the subject matter of Group II, Claims 18-26, drawn to a vector and host cells comprising the vector.

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